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3rd Air Expeditionary Group Commander Col. James E. Reed greeted Elmendorf F-15E pilot Capt. Matt Evans on arrival to Kwang Ju Air Base Wednesday.

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Deployed to Korea

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The Pacific's 3rd Air Expeditionary Group at Kwang Ju Air Base has been activated with the arrival of more than 400 people from Kadena, Elmendorf, Hickam, Osan and Kunsan Air Bases.

The group was sent as a show of commitment to the peace, security and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region while the Kitty Hawk Carrier Battle Group is supporting Southwest Asia.

"I'm impressed by the can-do attitude and teamwork demonstrated by the deployed team and our Korean allies," said Col. James E. Reed, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group commander. "Everything is going great."

After in-processing and resting up, the deployed team began their work which involved setting up



During the early morning hours Wednesday Senior Airman Gregory Featherstone and Airman 1st Class Breeann Gonzaw prepared chicken for lunch.

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communication lines, the dining facility, finance and administrative functions, monitoring the arrival of inbound aircraft, testing the water, guarding the secure area, and a number of other tasks.

"I was impressed with the billeting team here," said Senior Master Sgt. Terrance Barnett, communications team leader.

"We were in our rooms within an hour of arriving--this crew knew how to spin up a base quickly."

With a quick influx of people from one end of the Pacific to the other the deployed services team had to hit the ground running.

"Everyone is doing great work," said Reed. "I have to say one of the highlights is the dining facility and the food quality there."

Setting up the dining facility was the most daunting task of all the functional areas, according to Lt. Col. John Burzynski, cadre commander.

"This crew had only a couple of days to get things going, and they've done a great job."

"We were in a rush to open things up--first we had to do a big clean up, get the tables out, order the food and work around contractors who were fixing the pipeline," said food service specialist Senior Airman Gregory Featherstone.

"I think the biggest challenge that we face now is to serve a variety of foods so we don't have the same selection everyday."



A C-5 arrives from Elmendorf at Kwang Ju

This is the first deployment for Tech. Sgt. William Easter, based at Kadena and dining facility manager at Kwang Ju.

"The teamwork among the Kadena and Elmendorf people here has really made this a positive experience. Plus we've received some

compliments from people on the quality of our food, which makes it that much more rewarding for us."

Having a great meal in the field is almost as good as being notified of promotion to the rank of major, according to Maj (sel) Thomas Eisenhower, who was informed by Col. Reed of his selection.

"This promotion is great news," said Eisenhower, who is assigned to Elmendorf and is the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group Logistics squadron commander.

"Of course it'd be great to be able to celebrate with my wife."

The PERSCO team, which received the promotion notification, will also be receive the Tech. Sgt. and Master Sgt. promotion lists next week.

"For promotions, people don't have to wait to be contacted by their home stations, they will be contacted here," said Tech. Sgt. Terrance Frazier, PERSCO representative. "This kind of support for

deployed troops is essential," said Reed.

As personnel continue to arrive, the countdown towards the start of operations is underway. "We'll begin flying missions very soon," said Reed. "Pride is showing through in every functional area-everyone is ready and focused."

"I'm impressed by the can-do attitude and teamwork demonstrated by the deployed team," said Col Reed.

Words from the cadre commander

Lt. Col. John Burzynski, cadre commander, discussed some deployment milestones and considerations during a recent interview.

How we're doing

"The deployed team is doing exceptional work. Also, many thanks also to the home team, Det. 3, for getting the base ready for our arrival. I see a lot of people volunteering to help one another which is especially important at the beginning of a deployment.

Everything has happened on time or ahead of schedule. The post office is now accepting mail, while the finance office not only has money but they're doing check cashing and money exchange over the weekend.

While I don't want to single out any group I do have to say that the services' team has had some of the toughest taskings with having to stand up two major functions — lodging and dining facility in a short amount of time. They've worked day and night since arriving to ensure things are ready to go and have done a great job," said Burzynski.

Safe deployment

"There are three areas we need to track while we're here. Our first priority is obviously to get the mission



accomplished. Because everyone knows their jobs and are true professionals at what they do, this will ultimately happen.

"The second priority is to have a safe deployment. There are proper ways to do things and those procedures have been established for a reason. We all will be working extended hours, so we need to be very careful in our operation of machinery and other equipment. Someone may have the inclination to try to take a short cut to finish up a little quicker. Supervisors need to be on the look out for this and correct it.

"The bottom line-- we need to be sure that everyone goes back in the same condition in which they deployed.

"The third priority is that we want to have an incident free deployment. Incidents happen when people do unsafe, irresponsible things like drinking too much. Everyone needs to act responsibly and we need to take care of each other to

preclude incidents from occurring," said Burzynski.

Supervisors stay alert

"Supervising in a deployed situation is different than a normal day to day operation because everyone's life has changed dramatically and we begin from a different point of reference. We're all in a different place now in addition to being separated from our families. Even for the single people, they too are separated from the contacts and friends they've made. In a regular situation most supervisors know what they're subordinates are like normally so they can recognize mood changes.

"A deployed supervisor's responsibility is a bit like the medical technician who monitors blood pressure--the objective is just to make sure that if the apparent pressure elevates a little bit, that there's an good reason behind it. If it is the stress and strain of the deployment— that is understandable. But if there's something else wrong then that is the time to raise the flag and find out what it is. "We have one chaplain here and another soon to arrive.

In addition, we have a first sergeant and our command chief master sergeant has just arrived. Other

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Chapel Schedule

Sunday

Worship schedule

Services are held in the Dining Facility, Room B

10:30 a.m. Protestant Service with Chaplain Ron Harvell

The following classes will be held at the Hidden Valley Inn Prayer Chapel (3rd floor)

Tuesday

Intro to the Bible, 7 p.m.

Learn about the Bible during this introduction class

Wednesday

Protestant Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Discipleship Class, 7 p.m.

Advanced class on Christian growth

Saturday

Modern Issues in Christianity 7 p.m.

Prayer room available

A prayer room is available for use 24 hour a day. Please contact Chaplain Ron Harvell at 6-6026 for more info.

Dining facility operating hours:

Breakfast 5-8 a.m.

Lunch 11a.m.-1 p.m.

Dinner 4 -7 p.m.

(Phone 6-6366)

Health and Safety

Don't drink the water!

The water in the dorms is not safe for consumption and should not be used for drinking or brushing teeth.

Bottled water is available in dormitory day rooms for these purposes.

Every room should have no more than one case of bottled water. Another note on water—the water is fine for showers but not for baths.

Security Tips

Driving

Republic of Korea security forces have the authority to cite

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senior people are also on the way who will be able to sit down and talk with those who may have problems.

“Supervisors also have to keep an eye out to make sure their subordinates recreate while they're here. There is a tendency to work non-stop during a deployment because of the nature of the situation.

“Sure, there are a lot of things to be done and we'll all pull together to get them done sooner or later. Supervisors who are seeing that folks aren't relaxing should correct the situation. People need to take advantage of the gym or visit the chapel or just doing something outside of the dorm or work place.

We're also planning a

traffic violations.

Some helpful driving hints include:

-Don't exceed the speed limit which is 25 MPH/40 KPH on all roads on base.

-When stopped at a stop sign count at least three seconds before proceeding through intersection.

Alcohol

Don't bring alcohol beverages outside the confines of the dorm or base club.

All regulations governing alcohol consumption which apply at other Air Force installations in Korea apply here.

variety of activities for people to do off duty so they can enjoy themselves while they're here. Tours and visits to other places in Korea are in the works,” Burzynski said.

Being good neighbors

“This leads me to my last point, let's be good neighbors on and off the base. Let's be as courteous as possible. We need to show we are on the same team.

“Off base, the people are very warm and friendly. They seem comfortable with the idea that we'll be part of their community for a while. They know we're here to do a job although they may not know what that job is. We appreciate their understanding of our situation. Let's do our best to respect their community.”

Curfew

Don't be off-base during the following hours:

12-6 a.m. Sunday-Thursday
2-6 a.m. Friday- Saturday

Off-limits areas by order of the commander:

- Vicinity of Chonan or Chosen Universities in Kwang Ju City
- Soju tents
- Pharmacies
- Barber shops
- Glass houses

Buddy system

If going down town always go with a friend.

Entering the ECP

When entering the flightline area, use the Entry Control Point next to bldg. 2107.

If the gate is locked use courtesy phone located at ECP and security forces will come out to unlock the gate.

For more information on any items relating to security please call the 3 AEG Security Forces Central Security Control at 6-6030/6681.

Finance Office

The finance office which is located in bldg. 2107, allows up to \$200 per week check cashing and will provide up to \$100 per week in won.

For more information call 6-6148.

Legal Office

The Legal Office is open for business! The legal office offers a wide array of legal services, including wills and powers-of-attorney, legal assistance, command advice, and briefings on country law, the U.S. Korea /SOFA, and the law of armed conflict.

Located in Bulding 2107 (PERSCO) call Capt. Bill Rogers at 6-6140.

Legal assistance is a confidential matter, so discussions are kept between the client and attorney.

Public Affairs

To publish something in the Kwang Ju Pacific Expedition please contact the public affairs office bldg. 2107 or call 6-6142.

Medical Care

Basic medical care is available at bldg. 2106. For emergencies call 911. For after hours non-urgent medical needs call Staff Sgt. Lavalley Boswell, bldg. 214 room 212 at 6-6963.

Laundry

Laundry service will be provided Tuesdays and Fridays by AAFES starting May 21.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bldg 214, room 113.

All dorms are equipped with washers and dryers. Detergent can be purchased at the mini

BX. Irons and ironing boards are available at the billeting reception counter.

Services**Dormitory quiet hours**

Loud music and activities are prohibited in the dormitories. Everyone should be considerate of neighbors who may be resting. Also, there is no smoking allowed in the dorms.

Trash

Dumpsters are located outside each facility. Each person is responsible for maintaining his or her own personal areas and ensuring trash is thrown out regularly.

TVs and VCRs now in dorms

Dorm dayrooms are now equipped with TVs and VCRs. Location of dayrooms is as follows:

- Bldg. 212, 213, 214
1st and 3rd floor
- Bldg 211
2nd floor

Fitness and recreation

The base gymnasium bldg. 150 is available 24 hours a day. It is equipped with free weights and some Nautilus equipment.

There is a cypher lock on the gym's main entrance door.

Contact billeting personnel to find out the combination before heading over for a work out.

Also available are racquetball, volleyball, and basketball courts with associated equipment. There is no smoking allowed in gym facilities.

Weekend volleyball

There is also a volleyball court and horse shoe set next to bldg. 214 in the quad area.

Volleyball games will be held on this court Saturdays and Sundays at noon.

Aerobics

Anyone interested in volunteering to teach aerobics can volunteer by contacting the

services managment office 6-6366.

While there is no formal certification required—skill is a must.

Recreation center

Services personnel are working steadily to bring the recreation center on line. It will be located in the rear of the gym and equipped with Nintendo games, televisions, board games, dart boards, ping pong and many other fun amenities.

Also coming soon.... community events, trips and tours.



Staff Sgt. Willy Miranda tracks and orders food for the dining facility.

Missed meals due to legitimate duty requirements may be reimbursed.

See your supervisor for details.



Comm techs set up phones for the contracting team

Post Office matters

Hours:

- 10 a.m to 5 p.m. bldg 232
 - Free mail for those from Okinawa, Japan, Korea (MPS)
 - Stamps now available
 - Questions?
- Call SSgt Sumner Duke
723-6452

Your address:

Rank Name
3rd AEG/Unit
APO AP 96262

Community

Softball game Friday

Softball game Friday with Republic of Korea Air Force members. Meet time is 5 p.m. at gate 1.

For more information contact the Det. 3 superintendent at 6-6303.

Customs and Courtesies

Remember to render a proper salute to the Republic of Korea Air Force base commander, General Lee and other higher ranking members at Kwang Ju Air Base.

Logo Competition

Artists! Design the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group logo and win a prize.

Read upcoming editions of the Pacific Expedition newsletter for more details.